



**REQUEST
for
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/889,722
Filing Date	October 19, 2001
First Named Inventor	Seishi KATO et al.
Group Art Unit	1630
Examiner Name	K.T. Katcheves
Attorney Docket Number	00653/00-F-061US/YS 2001_1023A
Confirmation No.	8828

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted:
 - i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
 - ii. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☒ Enclosed:
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time + \$2,160.00
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).
 - b. ☐ Other
3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
 - a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. .
 - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 2,950.00 enclosed

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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8828**
Seishi KATO et al. : Docket No. 2001-1023A
Serial No. 09/889,722 : Group Art Unit 1636
Filed October 19, 2001 : Examiner K. T. Katcheves

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PRELIMINARY RESPONSE FILED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated January 24, 2005 and in further response to the final Office Action dated June 23, 2004, the period for response having been extended for five months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) hereby accompanies this response.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on December 23, 2004.

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